

the 9th Air Force; or his service as Air Force Chief of Staff, it is obvious that General Moseley has applied himself with incredible dedication and commitment. He truly understands the capabilities afforded through air, space, and cyberspace and has worked tirelessly to ensure that the Air Force excels in these critical domains.

In addition, General Moseley is deeply aware that it takes a team to launch a jet in the air and that every pilot needs a wingman; and he has, therefore, consistently sought to support the Air Force family. Most recently, these efforts have manifested themselves through ensuring predictable deployment schedules for Air Force personnel and their families, strengthening family wellness programs, upgrading family housing, increasing educational opportunities, and reaching out directly to Airmen through a variety of mediums to help promote an exchange of ideas.

It is also important to recognize that throughout his nearly four decades of service, General Moseley has displayed a deep appreciation for history and lessons learned from past events. This historical insight and perspective is critical as the U.S. Air Force looks to succeed in today's missions while simultaneously cultivating a force which will excel in the future. General Moseley worked to ensure that this informed approach will continue to flourish in the Service through the creation of the Analysis, Assessment, and Lessons-Learned Directorate on the Air Staff.

These achievements represent just a fraction of General Moseley's accomplishments; but one thing is clear—he has shown a tremendous commitment to his country. I would like to thank GEN T. Michael "Buzz" Moseley for his dedication to duty over these past 36 years, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. THAYNE DUTSON

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, today I wish to highlight the importance of acknowledging and celebrating extraordinary efforts by ordinary Americans who have led the way in protecting and preserving America's natural resources. I am honored to commend a natural resource hero in my home State of Oregon, Dr. Thayne Dutson. After a lifetime of service to farmers and ranchers in this country, Dr. Dutson is hanging up his hat and I honor his service.

Dr. Dutson has been dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences at Oregon State University since 1993 and has acted as director of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station since 1987. As head of Oregon's College of Agriculture Sciences, Dr. Dutson has dedicated the past two decades of his life to Oregon's farmers and ranchers.

Along with being Oregon Agriculture's resource for cutting-edge research, knowledge about food systems, environmental quality, natural re-

sources and rural communities, Dr. Dutson has also led a team of public servants to administer the extension service throughout the State. Dr. Dutson and his team led Oregon State University's outreach mission by engaging with Oregon's people and communities and focusing his efforts on community livability, strengthening the economic vitality of rural communities and maintaining Oregon's natural resource base. Based on these positive impacts and the leadership of Dean Dutson, the OSU Extension Service is recognized as one of America's top-5 land-grant university extension systems in the country. Dr. Dutson was also instrumental in Oregon State University's selection as one of five regional centers for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Sun grant initiative, which is working to advance the development of new biobased fuels and products.

I have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Dutson on many projects over the years. Dean Dutson has worked tirelessly on behalf of Oregon's farmers and ranchers. Under Dr. Dutson's watch, Oregon State University has secured critical Federal research funding for grass seed, potatoes, livestock grazing, small fruits, barley genome mapping, soil and air quality, organic Agriculture, nursery crops and biofuels. It is because of his leadership that Oregon agriculture and Oregon State University continue to lead the nation as innovators in all agricultural sciences.

As a young Boy Scout, I was taught that one's duty was to respect and protect the world around you. I believe that we have a responsibility to encourage efforts in conserving our natural resources by responsibly using them, not abusing them. Dr. Thayne Dutson has made major contributions to a proud Oregon pioneering spirit of innovation and responsible management of our natural resources. What Dean Dutson has given back to the Oregon agriculture community is invaluable, for he has taught us that everyone doing their small part can achieve huge successes. I wish Thayne, his wife, Missy, and their family all the best as they pursue future endeavors. Oregon's farmers and ranchers owe him a debt of gratitude.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. CHARLES CONSTANTINE MOSKOS

● Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, on May 31, 2008, the Nation lost a great patriot, an avid student and supporter of the military, and a true friend of the enlisted soldier—Northwestern University professor emeritus of sociology, Charles Constantine Moskos.

But he wasn't "professor" or "doctor" Moskos. He was always known as "Charlie." He was "Charlie" to admirals and generals; he was "Charlie" to his students; and he was "Charlie" to the enlisted soldiers, airmen, sailors, and marines he loved so much. He was "Charlie" to many Members of Con-

gress who worked with and admired him.

After graduating with honors from Princeton University in 1956, Charlie was drafted into the Army. He quickly became enamored with the amazing cross-section of Americans who served in the Armed Forces and decided the military institution would be his life-long, academic focus. After he received his doctorate from UCLA in 1963, Charlie taught for 2 years at the University of Michigan before moving on to Northwestern University. At Northwestern, Charlie began a storied 40-year career as a professor of sociology and traveled to war zones, military bases across the globe, the Pentagon, and the Congress. Over those four decades he became known as one of the world's foremost military sociologists and a key adviser to policymakers.

Charlie's field was political sociology, and he studied the Caribbean and the Greek-American community, but his biggest contribution was in addressing the civil-military bond, the integration of the military and our society. He wrote extensively about the culture in the military, the success story of racial integration in the services, particularly the Army. He also focused his writings on the changing nature of the military as we moved from Vietnam to the end of the Cold War and into today's conflicts against terrorists around the globe. As one of the preeminent military sociologists of his time, he was a founding member of the prestigious Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society, an international association of academics and military scholars.

Charlie's research took him to combat units in Vietnam, Kuwait, Somalia, Kosovo, and Iraq. For over three decades, he also served as an independent adviser to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Always concerned that the All-Volunteer Force could separate the military from its larger society as it draws from more narrow segments of the population, Charlie is also credited with inspiring President Clinton to create the AmeriCorps Program.

Among other awards, Charlie received the Distinguished Service Medal, the highest honor the Army awards to civilians. He is survived by his beloved wife of 41 years, Ilca Hoan Moskos, of Santa Monica, CA; two sons, Andrew Moskos of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and Peter Moskos of Astoria, NY; and two grandchildren.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations